

**Desai, Sudhir**

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**From:** Jane Murray <mjanemurray@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2014 9:43 AM  
**To:** Hyde, Tinka  
**Cc:** Maraldo, Dean; Desai, Sudhir; Larry Essman; Bob Forrey; Councilmember Meadows; Austin Leedom; Alan Bariow; Harald Daub; Rich Noel; Ruth Marasek  
**Subject:** US EPA Public Meeting in Portsmouth

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**To:** Desai, Sudhir; Hyde, Tinka  
**Cc:** Maraldo, Dean; Larry Essman; Bob Forrey; Councilmember Meadows; Austin Leedom; Alan Barlow; Harald Daub; Rich Noel; Ruth Marasek; Vantil, Barbara; Prichard, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: US EPA Public Meeting in Portsmouth

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Thank you, Sudhir. We very much appreciate that.

I was just at the site on Grandview. It would be beneficial to the residents if the contractor did not leave trucks idling. The air pollution is horrible. It will affect the residents' breathing and their landscape. I'm not sure what planet some people live on. If you can communicate on this, it would be helpful as well. The city does not respond to its residents and we have no other alternative.

Best regards,

Jane

**M. Jane Murray**

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014 2:21 PM, "Desai, Sudhir" <desai.sudhir@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jane,

Thank you for your e mail and your request for a public meeting regarding the City of Portsmouth's progress on Granview Avenue project, among others. We will get back to you after reviewing your email and other information available to us. It will take about one to two weeks to provide our response.

Thank you.

Sudhir Desai  
Environmental Engineer  
USEPA, Region 5

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 1:22 PM  
**To:** Derek Allen; John Haas  
**Cc:** Prichard, Gary; Desai, Sudhir; Larry Essman  
**Subject:** Open Records Request

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Oh, you think her downspouts caused it? Think again!

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Posted by M.Jane Murray at 5:46 PM

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M.Jane Murray

Education, BA, Sociology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; 1975; MA, Sociology, Applied Research, Appalachian Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; 1977.

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**From:** Desai, Sudhir  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Rogers, Joan  
**Subject:** Fw: Open Records Request

Hi Joan,

Here is the request from Jane Murray to the City. FYI.

No action is required from our end.

Thank you.

Sudhir

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**To:** Jane Murray <mjanemurray@yahoo.com>; John Haas <JHaas@portsmouthoh.org>  
**Cc:** Derek Allen <DAllen@portsmouthoh.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Open Records Request

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